

of the first and second pole portion layers has a protrusion for defining a recording track width, the protrusion having an end surface exposed in the medium facing surface. The thickness of each of the first and second pole portion layers defines a throat height.

Page 48, line 23 to Page 49, line 2, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Then, an insulating layer 82 made of alumina, for example, is formed over the entire surface to a thickness of 3 μm , for example. The insulating layer 82 is then polished by CMP, for example, so that the second shield layer 81 is exposed, whereby the surface of the insulating layer 82 is flattened.

Page 50, line 26 to Page 51, line 8, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

The surface of the slider section 21 to be bonded to the reproducing head section 22 is, of the two surfaces resulting from cutting the first slider section aggregate 51A at the positions indicated by reference numeral 52 in FIG. 3, the one closer to the recording head 23. Meanwhile, the surface of the reproducing head section 22 to be bonded to the slider section 21 is the surface opposite to the surface that results from the grinding in the step shown in FIGS. 15A and 15B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 9 and 32 as follows:

9. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a thin-film magnetic head comprising: a conductor that is electrically connected to an external device; an induction-type electromagnetic transducer electrically connected to the conductor; and a body for accommodating the conductor and the induction-type electromagnetic transducer, wherein the body has a medium facing surface that faces toward a recording medium, and a back surface located on the opposite side from the medium facing surface, and the conductor is exposed in the back surface, the method comprising the steps of:

forming the conductor; and

forming the induction-type electromagnetic transducer to be stacked on the conductor, the electromagnetic transducer having: a thin-film coil electrically connected to the